

THE HONOR AWARDS PROGRAM

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1. An honor award for intelligence service should be distinguished from an incentive award for meritorious suggestion or for outstanding efficiency and economy in administration as well as from longevity recognition for long and faithful service. An incentive awards program is well established in CIA, and a system for recognition of longevity is now being considered. Awards for intelligence service do not exist. It is therefore recommended that:

- a. CIA establish an Intelligence Service Medal in three degrees - distinguished, superior and meritorious service - for presentation by the Director of Central Intelligence to any individual associated with CIA, or to any other person, who makes a notable contribution to United States intelligence activities.
- b. The medal for distinguished intelligence service be struck in gold and be accompanied by a gold lapel button and a certificate evidencing the award of the medal.
- c. The medal for superior intelligence service be struck in silver and be accompanied by a silver lapel button and a certificate evidencing the award of the medal.
- d. The medal for meritorious intelligence service be struck in bronze and accompanied by a bronze lapel button and a certificate evidencing the award of the medal.
- e. The design of the medal incorporate those features of the Agency seal adaptable for use in the medal and that each medal be suspended from a distinctive ribbon employing the colors of the Agency seal.
- f. The lapel button be a miniature of the obverse of the medal.
- g. Units which have contributed outstanding performance be recognized by a personal award to each member of the unit rather than a group award.
- h. There be established an Honor Awards Board, under the jurisdiction of the CIA Career Service Board, which will be responsible for reviewing recommendations concerning any honor awards in CIA, including the Intelligence Service Medal, and for forwarding these recommendations to the DCI for his approval.

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